



Answers to requests for clarifications

Call for proposals

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Q&A 13 to 14 have been added.

Entrepreneurial capacity building for young migrants

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Question 1	Can International Organizations (that are active in supporting the economic and social integration of migrants and/or in supporting entrepreneurs) be considered eligible applicants?
Answer 1	The list of eligible entities that is provided at page 15 of the terms of reference is not exhaustive (the text says that such entities may include...), so any organisation that is active in the areas addressed by the call can be eligible. This provided that the organisation in question is a legal entity.
Question 2	Our Organization named [REDACTED] is a member of the consortium of [REDACTED] project ([REDACTED]) which is funded under the previous call of “Entrepreneurial capacity building for young migrants” Call: 225-G-GRO-PPA-16-9233. The project is currently in the implementation phase and it will last until May of 2019. Can [REDACTED] apply under the 2nd call either as partner or applicant as a sequel and complementary to the first proposal? Can the same partnership apply under the 2nd call?
Answer 2	Partners and/or consortium from current projects could participate in this call but “The Commission will not support the mere continuation of existing activities. Applicants will need to explain clearly what would be the added value of EU funding”, also vis-à-vis prior EU funding, “which should help them to improve, expand or transfer their activities to support migrant entrepreneurs, and/or to set up joint projects with other organisations in different regions and countries.” .(see page 5 of the call text)
Question 3	We would like to clarify whether private limited liability companies are eligible as partners to a proposal.
Answer 3	See Q&A nr 1
Question 4	Thank you for providing the following clarifications: <ol style="list-style-type: none">whether the definition of the final beneficiary group “legally staying migrants” is inclusive of “refugees” (i.e asylum seekers having obtained the status of “refugees”).are all the four 4 work packages to be implemented in at least three countries?is there a minimum number of final beneficiaries should be involved?
Answer 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Refugees legally staying in the EU are included. The Commission applied a broad definition of migrants, defining them as “legally-staying third-country nationals in the territory of the EU who can attend training activities according to the applicable legislation in the host country” (page 4 of the terms of reference).The geographical scope of the activities can be different, for instance a project could propose

	<p>to focus training actions on a number of countries, while mentoring actions could take place in a (partially) different group of countries. Of course the rationale and the perceived advantages of such a choice should be well explained in the application. However even in that case training actions (WP 2) and the exchange of best practice across national borders (WP 4) are to be considered as compulsory activities and thus to be implemented in at least three countries. Activities foreseen under the project need to demonstrate a clear European added value by supporting European integration and transnational cooperation.</p> <p>3. There is no minimum number of final beneficiaries to be involved but the proposal will be assessed in its potential impact and in its methodology to deliver high quality results.</p>
<u>Question 5</u>	<p>I'd like to check the eligibility of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an education provider, that offers coaching services to entrepreneurs and start-ups, but which has not worked with migrants yet. • a SME that offers consultancy services to entrepreneurs and start-ups (in particular support to access national or EU funds, definition of business plan, networking) but which is not an incubator and has not worked with migrants yet.
<u>Answer 5</u>	<p>The Commission services cannot, for reasons of equal treatment, assess the eligibility of an entity. Assessing the eligibility of a consortium is the exclusive competence of an appointed evaluation committee. Such committee can under no circumstances perform its duties prior to the submission of proposals.</p> <p>The list of eligible entities that is provided at page 15 of the terms of reference is not exhaustive (the text says that such entities may include...), so any organisation that is active in the areas addressed by the call can be eligible. This provided that the organisation in question is a legal entity.</p> <p>As specified in point 5 to 5.1 of the call text, "<i>Eligible applicants (coordinator and partners in the consortium) are organisations that are active in supporting the economic and social integration of migrants and/or in supporting entrepreneurs</i>"</p>
<u>Question 6</u>	<p>Question about WP 4 (Horizontal dimension: cross-border cooperation and best practice exchange).</p> <p>We would like to know if countries such as Tunisia and Morocco are eligible as partners in WP 4.</p>
<u>Answer 6</u>	<p>In Work Package 4, cross-border cooperation and best practice exchange should be understood as involving organisations based in EU Member States. Moreover Section 5.1 of the call for proposals states that "Proposals including an entity from a non EU Member State in the consortium will not be eligible".</p>
<u>Question 7</u>	<p>Can you please clarify whether the work-packages can be carried out at regional / local level within each country or whether they necessarily need to have a national scope?</p>
<u>Answer 7</u>	<p>Yes, activities as described in the call's work-packages can be carried out at regional and local level within each country.</p> <p>However, broader cooperation across participating regions and countries will need to be ensured as part of the tasks described in Work Package 4: Horizontal dimension: cross-border cooperation and best practice exchange.</p>
<u>Question 8</u>	<p>Concerning the form B4, could you clarify how to fill in the sections VII – SELECTION CRITERIA and VII – EVIDENCE FOR SELECTION as they seem to be N/A for this call?</p>
<u>Answer 8</u>	<p>Form B4 has been replaced by the latest version.</p>

<u>Question 9</u>	Would you please clarify geographical area for project implementation: is it working with migrants only in 28 EU or can also be extended to accession countries, like Serbia is?
<u>Answer 9</u>	The scope of this initiative includes interventions that target legally-staying third-country nationals in the territory of the EU. Hence, the activities cannot be extended to accession countries.
<u>Question 10</u>	<p>We have a question on following part of the proposal: <i>‘Several entities that form together one entity, whether or not this entity is established for the purpose of implementing the action, may apply as a sole beneficiary. The entities will be considered as affiliated entities, which each will have to comply with eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria.’</i></p> <p>1./ Is it ok if a group of a certain type of organizations connect with each other, without specifically being a legal entity? Or do they really have to form an ‘official association’ (with own legal representative, registration number,...)?</p> <p>2./ Can all of the organizations part of the above mentioned network be paid with funding from the project? In what way will this be arranged?</p>
<u>Answer 10</u>	<p>1./ Yes it is, but each organization (being part of a network for instance) should be part of the consortium (see point 5.1.4 of the call text=multi-beneficiaries) unless this network is officially registered in one single entity (sole beneficiary). Then, each organization of the network will be considered as “affiliated entity” of the sole beneficiary.</p> <p>2./ Yes they can. In case of these organisations are under the umbrella of a “sole beneficiary”, they will be considered as affiliated entities and their estimated budget should be mentioned under this legal entity. In case of these organization are co-beneficiaries (members of a consortium), they have to draft their budget individually coordinated by one of the co-beneficiaries (the Coordinator).</p>
<u>Question 11</u>	Are the supporting documents explained on page 17 also obligatory for the affiliated entities?
<u>Answer 11</u>	<p>As specified in point II.3 of the Guide for applicants, <i>“the applicant entity will have to indicate its participating affiliated entities in the proposal. The affiliated entities will each have to comply with eligibility and exclusion criteria. In case of holding entities, the affiliated entities will also have to comply with the selection criteria”</i></p> <p>Hence the affiliated entities must submit this supporting document.</p>
<u>Question 12</u>	<p>1. Could you kindly specify whether the eligibility criteria applicable to Coordinator and Partners related to EU nationality (EU Member States) must be equally applicable to a) subcontractors, to b) natural persons considered as in-house consultants and to c) external collaborators who are natural persons working under a contract with the beneficiary other than an employment contract, who cannot be considered as in-house consultants;</p> <p>2. As far as eligible costs are concerned, can we foresee the reimbursement of travel or per-diem costs for organizations which can be considered as “Associated Partners” not directly involved in the Consortium, but whose participation in some of the events can be beneficial for the overall project’s activities?</p>
<u>Answer 12</u>	<p>1. The eligibility criteria (point 5.1.1 of the call text) only applies to the legal entities composing the consortium.</p> <p>2. All costs related to persons who are not employed by a partner of the consortium (staff) can be declared in the heading “Other expenditures”. However, the applicant should justify the benefit of their participation in the description of the action.</p>
<u>Question 13</u>	Can we add a WP dedicated to the management and to the dissemination or if we have to consider only the 4 WP indicated in the call.

<u>Answer 13</u>	It is possible to add to the description of the proposal extra Work Packages dedicated to the management of the project and/or to the dissemination of results.
<u>Question 14</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can some specialistic preparatory training activities included in the project be addressed to operators of organizations working with migrants (to allow the sustainability and monitoring of the activities after the project's end)? Or they must compulsory be addressed directly to migrants only? 2. Can a profit research centre be an eligible partner? 3. For "education and training providers (public and private)" do you mean that profit private providers are eligible? 4. What do you mean exactly for education and training providers?
<u>Answer 14</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you think that building capacity within organizations working with migrants can be instrumental to the delivery of effective training and mentoring to migrant entrepreneurs, then this activity could be included. This possible choice should be adequately explained and justified in the proposal. In any case it shouldn't be the core activity of the project: that will be the direct delivery of support to migrant entrepreneurs through training and mentoring. Please note that it will be up to the evaluators to assess the relevance of submitted proposals with regard to the technical specifications of the call and in particular to the description of the Work Packages. The Commission cannot advise potential applicants on how proposals should be prepared and on what type of activities should be included. The text of the technical specifications of the call is the only possible reference for potential applicants. 2. Both profit and non-profit organizations can be eligible. 3. Yes 4. Any organization, public or private, whose mission is to deliver education and training.